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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-080777, published March 31, 1998.
3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 02-132783, published May 22, 1990.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 60-50079, published November 6, 1985.
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6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-153519, published June 16, 1995.
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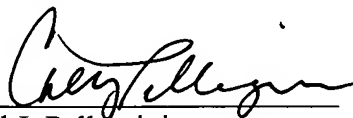
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